

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Previously, Claims 1-59 were pending in this application.

5 Within the Office Action, a restriction requirement was issued, requiring that the Applicants elect a single group from three groups. Group I represents Claims 1-19, Group II represents Claims 20-38, and Group III represents Claims 39-59.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-19) without traverse. Claims 20-59 are withdrawn. Accordingly, Claims 1-19 are pending. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-19 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so 15 that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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